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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE PLANES IN THAILAND

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AS THE VIETNAMESE MAINTAIN THEIR ATTACKS ON THAILAND THROUGH RADIO AND PRESS (AVAILABLE TO DEPT THROUGH FBIS), THE RTG CONTINUES TO BE PRESSED ON ITS STANCE ON THE PLANE ISSUE. ON NOVEMBER 7 PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT TOLD REPORTERS IN ANSWER TO QUESTION, THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIET-NAM AND THAT THE PLANES PROBLEM "IS THE NEXT MATTER TO BE TACKLED." ON NOVEMBER 10 HE CALLED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN NORTH VIET-NAM AND THAILAND RATHER THAN CONTINUING "VERBAL ARGUMENTS OVER PLANES," WHICH SHOULD NOT BE A MAJOR OBSTACLE TO FRIENDSHIP. KHUKRIT ALSO REPORTEDLY SENT A MESSAGE THROUGH THE MPS NOW VISITING HANOI (REF) EXPRESSING THE RTG'S DESIRE FOR RELATIONS AND SUGGESTING THAT THE PLANES' ISSUE BE NEGOTIATED AFTER RELATIONS ARE ESTABLISHED.

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